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**SOUTH CAROLINA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIPT OF COMMISSIONS
OR GIFTS IN PROCURING LOANS**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Matthew Skinner, age 36, of Pawley's Island, South Carolina, pled guilty today in federal court in Florence, to Receipt of Commissions or Gifts for Procuring Loans, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 215. United States District Court Judge Terry L. Wooten. accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the guilty plea hearing established that Mr. Skinner had been an employee of RBC Bank (USA) and that on June 20, 2008, in Horry County, Mr. Skinner accepted payment from a private individual not associated

with the bank in connection with mortgage loans. Mr. Skinner also admitted to accepting payments on several other occasions.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty Skinner can receive is a fine of \$1,000,000 and/or imprisonment for 30 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.

The case was investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney John C. Potterfield of the Columbia office handled the case.

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